

SPRING is the time of the year when everything grows except bank accounts.

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WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Unsettled with showers in the east tonight; cooler with fresh winds Sunday.

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## PERSHING SENDS NO WORDS IN SIX DAYS

Funston Worried Over Silence of Expedition Leader.

Unofficial Report Minimized Parral Incident.

LOCATE GOMEZ FORCE OF 4000

Aviators Find De Facto Remain in Camp Several Days.

Greatest Activity at Columbus Since Invasion Started.

San Antonio, April 15.—Much impatience and some uneasiness were manifested at General Funston's headquarters today over General Pershing's unbroken silence concerning the first battle between American troops and Mexicans at Parral Wednesday night. It became known today that General Funston last night directed to General Pershing a communication sharply urging him to expedite a report on the Parral incident and on operations in general.

The last official knowledge here of General Pershing's movement was that he was expected to arrive at Santa Fe, approximately ninety miles northwest of Parral, Tuesday night.

General Funston received from the war department today a rather long communication but he refused to discuss its contents. There was reason to believe the substance of his late reports to Washington dealt largely with the positions and activities of Carranza troops in northern Mexico and the failure of them and other Carranza authorities to co-operate more effectively with the Americans in the pursuit of Villa.

Army officers here and in Mexico have repeated the statements that co-operation between the two nations, as they are called, is essential. Continued refusal to use the railroads and to permit the transmission of code messages over land wire has been made.

Greater Force Than U. S. The number of Carranza troops in northern and central Mexico is far greater than that of the United States force in Mexico, but officers here pointed out Villa had no apparent difficulty in passing through the region when pressed forward by the Americans.

It is believed that General Funston also called the attention of the war department to his inability to protect more adequately the detached forces at the front without materially weakening the border patrol or using the railroads for troop movements.

General Funston explained that he had not the authority to bring additional troops into his territory; that he had not the authority to substitute with militia and that he did not regard the present instructions as authorizing him to use the railroads.

This was the sixth day since General Pershing has made a direct report to headquarters. General Pershing's chief of staff, Lieut. Colonel Cabell, is now at Casas Grandes, where he went to supervise the work ordered by General Funston, to ascertain the movements of Carranza troops in the region through which the line of communication passes.

Gomez in Camp. Reports indicated that General Arnulfo Gomez's troops are still in the Baviate valley, are being provisioned for field work.

The three new companies of motor trucks have arrived at Columbus, providing the quartermaster's department with the full ten companies, 270 trucks. The chief difficulty now encountered in getting forward supplies is the bad condition of the roads.

Army officers reported the advance will be in such condition after the first heavy rain that the operations of the heavy trucks will be rendered almost impossible.

Rioters Destroy Property. El Paso, April 15.—Rioting in which much property was destroyed followed the clash between American troops and residents of Parral, according to advices received by A. J. McQuatters of Boston, president of the Alvarado Mining and Milling company of Parral. Carranza Consul Garcia, quoting a telegram from War Minister Obregon, denied there was rioting and stated that the situation quieted down after the fight.

A message from the mill officials said: "In retaliation for the recent troubles, armed men yesterday, (Thursday) at noon assaulted the mill, breaking in doors and windows of residences, offices, warehouses and mill, robbing and destroying."

"They repeated the assault at midnight again, robbing and destroying and will probably repeat the incident. Military authorities know everything connected with the same."

All reports seem to contradict advices received by mining men yesterday that the American forces took possession of Parral.

## Awful Mistake! Sam Hugs Wife She Calls Cops

Winnipeg, Man., April 15.—Sam Buks paid a fine of \$5.35 for hugging his own wife. Sam had been at a party. Wine flowed freely. A comely maid attracted him. He followed her. Thinking it was the maid standing on the porch, he gathered the form of a woman in his arms. The woman was his wife. She beat him up, then called the police.

## MUM ON PROBE

No Results to Announce on Gasoline Investigation.

Congressman Opens Up on Standard Company in House.

PIPELINE CONTROL TO BLAME

"War Price" Only Excuse, Declares Rep. Howard.

"Attack" Fails to Stir Up Any Adherents, Pro or Con.

Washington, April 15.—Department of justice officials declined today to discuss whether the investigation into the rise of gasoline price had reached a stage where criminal indictments were being considered.

It was stated at the department, however, that agents still were gathering information and that the nature of the prosecutions, if any, would be decided by the investigation.

Final decision on what steps the department will take is understood to depend also on the investigation by the federal trade commission with which the department is co-operating.

The gasoline agitation came up again in congress today when Representative Howard of Georgia, attacked the Standard Oil company as a "trust" whose "development has only been scattered by a court decision," and urged the house committee to report favorably his bill to place an embargo on all crude oil products, including gasoline, until a fair and equitable price has been restored in this country.

Increase Demand Only 7 Per Cent.

Explanation of the increased cost of gasoline was found in the Standard (Continued on Page 2)

## QUIET AT VERDUN

German Made No Fresh Offensive Last Night.

Several Positions Subjected to Heavy Bombardments.

Paris, April 15.—There was no infantry fighting in the Verdun region last night. French positions between Malancourt wood and Hill 304 west of the Meuse were subjected to heavy bombardment and there were lively artillery exchanges near the western edge of Corbeaux wood. East of the river an intermittent bombardment was continued.

These operations are described in the following statement from the war office this afternoon: "To the west of the river Meuse, a reconnaissance on the part of the enemy who were endeavoring to occupy our trenches in the region of Parvillers was dispersed by our fire."

"There was no infantry fighting last night anywhere in the Verdun region. "To the east of the river Meuse there has been a fairly spirited bombardment of our positions between the wood of Malancourt and Hill No. 304, and at various points along the Forges brook. To the east of the river Meuse and in the Woivreux district there have been intermittent bombardments."

"These women have been attending weekly drills here throughout the winter. The use of uniforms came up for vote last night and was the cause of an animated discussion in which Mrs. J. Hungerford Milligan, head of that organization, asserted that suits worn by the women need not necessarily be uniform. She objected to trousers on the ground that such a uniform would be opposed by husbands."

Others denounced dresses as a "curse and burden" and urged the women soldiers to get rid of them. When their husbands go to the front, they are told, "you will have to guard your home against marauders. It will be a man's work and you cannot do it in dresses."

The vote for trousers was carried by an overwhelming majority.

## CLUB PLANS TO BUILD \$100,000 HOME IN TOPEKA

Five-Story Building at Seventh and Kansas Avenue.

Commercial Club Launches New Campaign Today.

GOOD OFFERS IN PROPERTY

Stansfield and Trust Company Would Give Corner.

Two Top Floors for Business Men's Headquarters.

A \$100,000 building project was launched at a meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial club this noon. It includes the acquisition of the George W. Stansfield property at 632 Kansas avenue and the Prudential Trust company's property at 634 Kansas avenue, corner of Seventh street and Kansas avenue.

Then both buildings would be torn down and a five story structure erected. The first floor of the new building would be occupied by the Stansfield drug store and the Farmers' National bank, two other stories would be used for office rooms and the fourth and fifth floors would be pressed into service as a civic center for Topeka with commercial club headquarters on the top floor and banquet and meeting rooms for clubs and organizations on the fourth floor.

Willing to Sell. George W. Stansfield was present at the meeting and offered to sell the 25x150 foot building for \$25,000. He further gave assurance to the board of directors that the Prudential Trust company is willing to sell for \$25,000. This makes a total of \$50,000 and a building such as would be desired for Topeka probably will cost \$100,000.

It was pointed out that with such a building, office rooms could be rented to the business community, the first floor and those adjoining the proposed Commercial club stock company would obtain interest on the building. The building would be promised in the purchase of the Elks' club building.

To Building Committee. The proposition was placed in the hands of the building committee, which was instructed to analyze it from every angle and turn in a report on the plans, program, cost of erection, the return of the investment and other matters of concern to citizens who might invest in the project.

## 100 MILLION LOAN

France May Get Twice That From U. S. Bankers.

Prospect of Deal Strengthens Paris Exchange Here.

New York, April 15.—French exchange recovered today from its recent weakness, the Paris check rate falling to six francs to the dollar as against yesterday's premium of 5.95. The improvement was attributed to the announcement of the French government that it had secured negotiations for a loan by American bankers were well under way.

The amount of this loan is yet to be determined, but according to reports it will not be less than \$100,000,000 and maybe double that amount. The French government has secured the private investors, has control of many millions of dollars of American railway bonds and the French government is expected that these securities together with some South American issues, will form the basis for it.

## MIDNIGHT COUNCIL

White House Conference Follows Funston Message.

Strict Secrecy Prevails; May Move Border Supply Base.

Washington, April 15.—Recommendations from General Funston which, if adopted, may radically alter the Villa matter, were discussed today in the hands of President Wilson and Secretary of War Baker today.

The subject of a midnight conference at the White House. The Funston message did not give news of the Parral fight between soldiers and civilians and the fourth day since the fight occurred was entered without word from the front.

Speculation as to the contents of Funston's dispatch ranged from requests for more troops to having the use of the Mexican lines in transporting supplies and reiteration of Funston's previous request for shifting his base from Columbus.

Undoubtedly it bore no orders giving him directions to protect American soldiers in Mexico as a result of the Parral incident. The invading army, however, refused to throw any light on the situation. Meanwhile, it has been manifested over Pershing's silence.

Secretary Lansing's willingness to treat with Mexican Ambassador Arango reports on the subject of the troops as urgently sought by General Carranza may mean the opening of preliminary negotiations today or the first of next week.

Predict Withdrawal. While some administration men said there had been no change in policy toward Mexico and that none was in sight, others believed the "treating" would mean the granting of Carranza's request.

Several proposals for a protocol now held up show that the de facto regime sought to limit strictly the number of men engaged and the time to be consumed. The invading army, operating under the reciprocity agreement, was to consist of 1,000 cavalrymen. Mexican towns were not to be occupied and the forces were to withdraw when their object was accomplished.

## PLAN READY FOR NEW TEN STORY OFFICE BUILDING

Knights & Ladies Structure at Seventh and Kansas Avenue

To Be Built This Year at a Cost of \$275,000.

THE FIRST FLOOR FOR STORES

Upper Stories National Lodge Quarters and Offices.

One of the Finest Office Buildings in Kansas, Is Promise.

Plans and specifications for the new ten-story, fire-proof office building of the Knights and Ladies of Security were today made public by W. B. Kirkpatrick, president of the society. The new building will be the home of the national offices of the order and will be built on the present site of Security hall at Seventh and Kansas avenue. The building will cost \$275,000 and will be built this year.

As soon as plans are approved by the national council of the Knights and Ladies of Security at their meeting in Detroit, arrangements will be made for letting contracts. There is little doubt in the mind of President Kirkpatrick but that the new building will be constructed as soon as possible. Work will probably start next fall. The plans will be submitted to the national council in June.

Upper Floors Offices. The new home of the Knights and Ladies of Security will be ten stories above basement, the entire width and depth of the building proper. The building will be 50x150 feet and will be finished in brick with terra cotta. The first floor of the building will be used for stores, while upper floors will be divided into offices. The building will be a landmark in Topeka, and will be a credit to the city.

At least two—possibly three floors—will be held exclusively by the order and will be used for national offices of the order. A large lodge room and banquet hall is also provided in the plans. The building will be a landmark in Topeka, and will be a credit to the city.

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## MAKING IT HERE? Ohio Capitol Building Takes Voyage on Sea

Federal Officers Believe They Have Kansas Moonshiners.

Ugh! Liquor Out of Perfectly Dry Jayhawk Corn!

STILL NEAR WEST MINERAL

Officers Have Photographs of a Big Prairie Brewery.

But—Curses!—There's Chance for Their Escape!

San Francisco, April 15.—The Ohio state capitol building was loaded upon three barges and started out to sea here today. It sailed blithely seventeen miles down the Pacific coast, its white dome bobbing gaily about on the waves. At the town of San Carlos it was unloaded and is being set up in the town square, where it will form the nucleus of the San Carlos civic center. The structure was the Ohio building at the Panama exposition, being a wood and stucco replica of the capitol at Columbus.

Senate Adopts Army Provision—Would Increase Coast Artillery Corps.

Washington, April 15.—To further strengthen federalization of the national guard, the senate today, 43 to 25, amended the army reorganization bill to require guardsmen to take an oath to obey the orders of the president as well as the governor of their state. The amendment was presented by Senator Wadsworth who said it originated in the national guard itself. The chief purpose of the amendment is to place national guard soldiers primarily in the service of the United States and secondarily in the service of the state, said Senator Wadsworth.

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## OUTLOOK IS GLOOMY

Sunday Promises to Be Cloudy, Cold and Windy.

All signs of good weather have gone glimmering and a continuation of the rain and cool unsettled weather is the prospect for tomorrow. Today was cool and cloudy and some rain fell here this morning. The outlook for the week ahead is not very bright. A great part of the state and the sky was cloudy over all of Kansas today.

The forecast calls for unsettled weather with showers in the east part of the state tonight; cooler Sunday with fresh winds. Tomorrow morning will be several degrees colder than this morning.

The lowest temperature this morning was 46 degrees at 3 o'clock. This is 2 degrees above normal and is 4 degrees higher than yesterday morning. The mercury climbed very slowly today. The highest temperature on record for this date is 50 degrees in 1896. The low record, 22 degrees, occurred in 1902. The Kaw river has been several degrees colder than this morning.

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NEW 10-STORY K. & L. OF S. BUILDING FOR TOPEKA



This is the Plan of the 10-Story Office Building To Be Erected at Seventh and Kansas Avenue by the Knights and Ladies of Security.

## OTHERS WANT IT

Leavenworth, Topeka & Southwestern R. R. in Demand.

Kansas City Western Would Like to Buy It.

WOULD BECOME ELECTRIC LINE

And Be Extended From Meriden Junction to Topeka.

Old Streak of Rust Suddenly Becomes Valuable.

PLEDGE FOR MILITIA

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## CARRANZA SENDS ENVOY TO JAPAN 'FOR A PURPOSE'

General Iturbe Started to Orlean on Secret Mission.

He Declines to State the Nature of His Business.

WILL SET SAIL AT ONCE

Military Alliance or Loan Thought To Be Object.

Japs Are in Close Touch With the De Facto.

BY H. H. STANSBURY.

El Paso, Tex., April 15.—First Chief Carranza of the de facto government of Mexico has started General Ramon Iturbe, an elevated military envoy, on a secret mission to Japan. General Iturbe arrived here Friday and registered at the most prominent hotel. He said frankly he was under instructions to sail for Japan at the earliest possible date. He expects to leave the Pacific coast within 10 days.

The Carranza envoy declined to make a direct statement concerning his instructions, but the following is the substance of an interview obtained by state department officials and forwarded by code to Washington: "Where are you going, General?" "To Japan."

"Immediately?" "Immediately. Yes, I intend to sail from the Pacific coast within 10 days, earlier if possible."

"What is the nature of your mission?" "I must decline to state. It is a secret."

"Do you intend to seek a treaty stipulating a military alliance between Mexico and Japan, or a loan?" "For Special Purpose."

"I can only answer that I am a special diplomatic representative, especially appointed for a particular purpose. I represent the de facto government of Mexico and was designated for the work by the first chief, Señor Carranza."

"Do you understand clearly that you have been sent to Japan for your government?" "Entirely. I am on a secret mission to Japan for the existing Mexican government."

The arrival of Iturbe in El Paso is not yet generally known. It is believed the state department will undoubtedly demand an explanation of the mission from Carranza immediately. It is pointed out that a military alliance between Japan and Mexico would constitute an unfriendly act directed against the United States.

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## DROP BOMBS AT CZAR

German Aviators Try to Kill Nicholas—He Has Narrow Escape.

London, April 15.—First news of an attack on the life of the czar by Austro-German aviators reached here Friday night. Official dispatches from Petrograd indicate that the Russian emperor entirely escaped injury.

Learning that the czar was reviewing his troops at Ivanov, on the Dnieper, two Tonton aeroplanes set forth with a large supply of powerful bombs. The machines released their bombs, and the Dnieper from Ivanov, before Russian machines could ascend to combat them.

"Scoring" across the Dnieper, one of the machines descended to lower altitudes above Ivanov and succeeded in dropping his store of bombs.

Of the results attained by the raid, an official statement issued by the general staff in Petrograd says: "A plane was wounded. The emperor, who was reviewing the troops at Ivanov, heard of the sentinel's injury and decorated him with the Order of St. George."

## LESS 'WHITE PLAGUE'

Million Cases Now in U. S. Decrease of 25 Per Cent in 10 Years.

New Orleans, April 15.—That the death rate from tuberculosis in the United States has decreased 25 per cent in the last ten years was the assertion made today by Dr. C. J. Hatfield, speaking before the Southern Sociological conference. Dr. Hatfield, is secretary of the National Association for Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. Among the agencies employed in the fight against the "white plague" he mentioned open-air schools, sanitariums, visiting nurses and camps of recuperation.

"There are one million cases of tuberculosis in the United States at this time," he said, "and only 40,000 beds are comparatively available in hospitals. To meet this situation 4,000 visiting nurses are calling at the homes of patients."

## A GIRLS' HOME GUARD

Nation-Wide Movement Started to Prepare Women for War.

Patchogue, N. Y., April 15.—Miss Theodora Booth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ballington Booth, of the Volunteers in America, has launched her country-wide project of a "girls' national home guard."

The organization is non-military, but patriotic. It is designed to train young women for citizenship in times of peace and prepare them to lend auxiliary military service in the event of war. Miss Booth is supported in the movement by persons of influence all over the country.